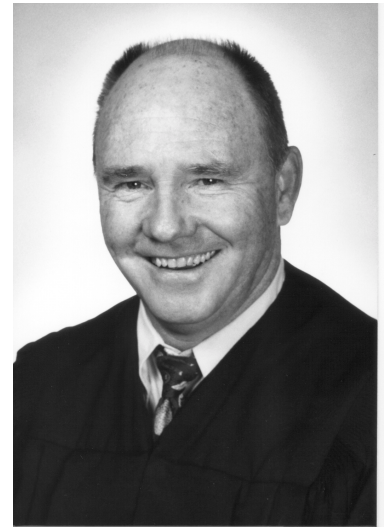




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## *JUDICIAL PROFILE*

**Michael J. O'Melia** has served as a trial judge in the Criminal and Civil Departments and Family Court, where he is currently assigned. Judge O'Melia completed his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1964, and received his law degree from Marquette University in 1988. Upon graduation, he returned to Rhinelander, Wisconsin, to join his grandfather, father, and two uncles in the family law practice. He was admitted to the Arizona State Bar in 1972 and practiced law with the firm of Langerman, Begam & Lewis until 1980. His specialty was primarily personal injury and domestic relations law. He then became a partner in the law firm of Leonard, Clancy & O'Melia. In 1981, he became a sole practitioner until his appointment to the Bench in late 1984.



Judge O'Melia has been a faculty member of the Arizona College of Trial Advocacy since 1986, serving as Chairman from 1990 to 1991. The College teaches lawyers how to improve their trial practice skills. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Arizona Bar Foundation from 1989 to 1992, and currently serves on numerous seminar panels for both the State Bar and Maricopa County Bar Association. He is currently on the Executive Council for the Public Lawyer's section of the State Bar.